IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of~~ A mineral building material composition comprising a mineral building material and a water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer, ~~obtainable~~ obtained by polymerizing

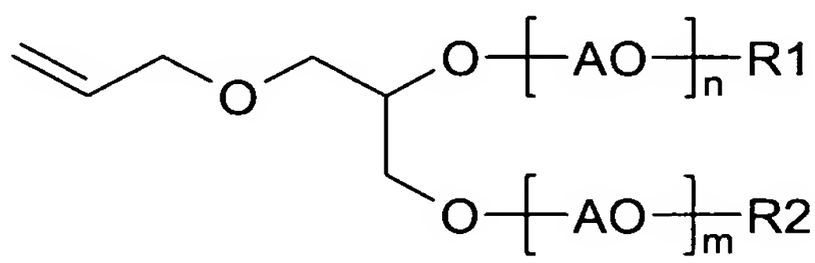
a) at least one alkoxylated derivative of 3-allyloxy-1,2-propanediol (monomer A) and

b) at least one ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acid or the anhydrides, esters or mixtures thereof (monomer B) and

c) if appropriate, one or more further ethylenically unsaturated monomers [[C,]]C.

~~as an additive in mineral building materials.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of a polymer~~ The mineral building material composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one compound of the formula I



(I)

where

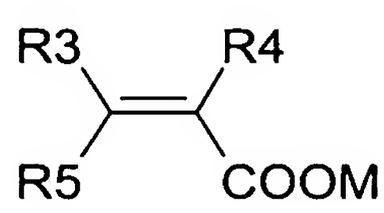
AO is C_1-C_{12}-alkylene oxide, styrene oxide or a mixture of two or more types thereof, it being possible for the two or more types to be linked either in random or in block form,

n and m, independently of one another, are each an integer from 1 to 300 and

R1 and R2, independently of one another, are each hydrogen, C_1-C_{30}-alkyl, C_5-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{20}-aryl, C_1-C_{30}-alkanoyl, C_7-C_{21}-aroyl, sulfuric (mono)ester or phosphoric ester,

is used as monomer A.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The ~~use of a polymer~~ mineral building material composition according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein at least one compound of the formula II



(II)

where

R3 and R4, independently of one another, may in each case be identical or different and are hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl,

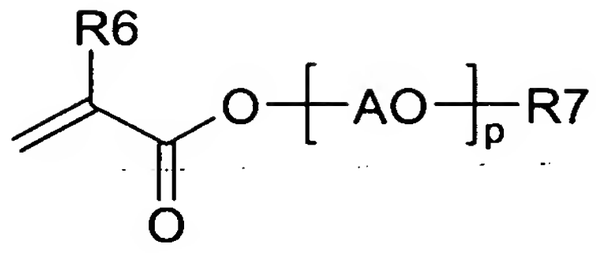
R5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl or a COOM group and

M is hydrogen, a monovalent or divalent metal ion, ammonium or an organic ammonium compound,

is used as monomer B.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ~~use of a polymer~~ mineral building material composition according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3,~~ claim 1, wherein the weight average molecular weight M_w of the polymer is from 1 000 to 100 000.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The ~~use of a polymer~~ mineral building material composition according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4,~~ claim 1, wherein an ester of the formula III of (meth)acrylic acid with a polyalkylene oxide



(III)

where

R6 is hydrogen or a methyl radical,

AO is C_1-C_{12}-alkylene oxide, styrene oxide or a mixture of two or more types thereof, ~~it being possible for~~ the two or more types [[to be]] being linked either in random or in block form,

R7 is hydrogen, C_1-C_{30}-alkyl, C_5-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{20}-aryl, C_1-C_{30}-alkanoyl or C_7-C_{21}-aroyl and

p is an integer from 1 to 300,

is used as monomer C.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of a polymer according to any of claims 1 to 5 as a~~ A cement dispersant comprising the mineral building material composition of claim 1.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of a polymer according to any of claims 1 to 6 as a~~ A gypsum dispersant comprising the mineral building material composition of claim 1.

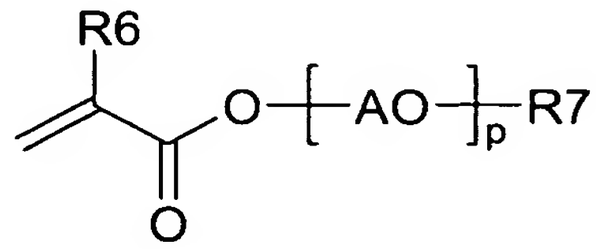
Claim 8 (Original): A polymer obtainable by polymerizing

a) at least one alkoxylated derivative of 3-allyloxy-1,2-propanediol (monomer A) and

b) at least one ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acid or the anhydrides, esters or mixtures thereof (monomer B) and

c) if appropriate, one or more further ethylenically unsaturated monomers C.

Claim 9 (Original): The polymer according to claim 8, wherein at least one monomer C selected from the esters of (meth)acrylic acid with a polyalkylene oxide of the formula III



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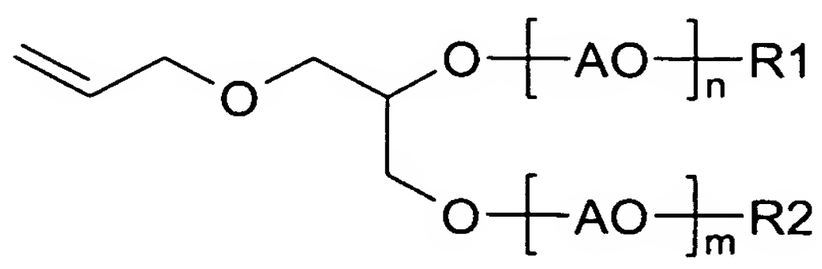
R7 is hydrogen, C_1-C_{30}-alkyl, C_5-C_8-cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{20}-aryl, C_1-C_{30}-alkanoyl or C_7-C_{21}-aroyl and

p is an integer from 1 to 300,

is used.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The polymer according to claim 8 [[or 9]], wherein at least one compound of the formula I



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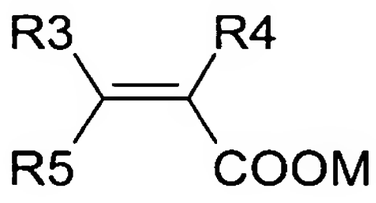
is used as monomer A.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The polymer according to ~~any of claims 8 to 10,~~ claim 8, wherein at least one compound of the formula II



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R5 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl or a COOM group and

M is hydrogen, a monovalent or divalent metal ion, ammonium or an organic ammonium compound,

is used as monomer B.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A cement dispersant comprising at least one polymer according to ~~any of claims 8 to 11~~ claim 8.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A gypsum dispersant comprising at least one polymer according to ~~any of claims 8 to 12~~ claim 8.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A mineral building material comprising cement, water and at least one polymer according to ~~any of claims 8 to 11~~ claim 8 and further conventional aggregates.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A mineral building material comprising gypsum, water and at least one polymer according to ~~any of claims 8 to 11~~ claim 8 and further conventional aggregates.